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SUBJECT: ESTATES: INVENTORY AND FINAL STATEMENT

REF: A. PRAGUE 1634

B. STATE 259684

1. AS EXPLAINED IN JULY 15 LETTER TO MRS. ESTER GREENBERG, AND MRS. MARCIA FRANKEL, SISTERS OF DECEASED CONOFF UNABLE TO TAKE CUSTODY OF ITEMS OF VALUE (CASH, TRAVELERS CHECKS, WATCH, CAMERA, ETC.) BELONGING TO SCHUPACK ESTATE BECAUSE THEY WERE RETAINED BY MR. HAROLD GOLDSTEIN OF NYC AT LOCATION OF MR. SCHUPACK'S DEATH IN PIESTANY, SLOVAKIA. GODLSTEIN SAID MR. TED FRANKEL INSTRUCTED HIM BY PHONE TO RETURN ITEMS TO THE US.

2. TWO SUIT CASES CONTAINING THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHUPACK ESTATE WERE INSPECTED BY CONOFF AND TAKEN TO AIRPORT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER

THEIR ARRIVAL AT EMBASSY O/A MORNING OF JULY 12 SO THEY COULD ACCOMPANY REMAINS HOME. THERE WAS LITTLE IF ANY TIME TO PERFORM AN INVENTORY. HOWEVER TYPE OF CONTENTS OF SUITCASES CONFORMED TO TYPE OF ITEMS DESCRIBED IN GENERAL INVENTORY IN THE SLOVAK LANGUAGE MADE BY GOLDSTEIN AND PIESTANY SPA OFFICIALS (I.E. CLOTHING, TOILET ARTICLES, AND OTHER SIMILAR ITEMS WHICH THE CONOFF JUDGED TO BE OF LITTLE OR NO MARKET VALUE) AND WHICH WAS ENCLOSED IN LETTERS OF JULY 15. SHIPMENT OF TWO ACCOMPANYING SUITCASES MENTIONED BOTH IN JULY 15 LETTER AND IN JULY 12 TELEGRAM TO FUNERAL HOME (SEE REFTEL A.). EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED NOTICE THAT SUITCASES WERE NOT RECEIVED WITH REMAINS.

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3. CONCERNING FINAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT, LETTER OF JULY 15 STATED

THAT SETTLEMENT COULD WELL TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS PENDING RECEIPT OF
TRANSPORTATION BILLS FROM CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES. EMBASSY HAS SINCE
PRESSED TO OBTAIN BILLS AND TODAY WAS TOLD THEY WILL BE PRESENTED
BY END OF THE WEEK. THE AMOUNTS ARE \$741.20 FOR SHIPMENT OF THE
REMAINS AND 84.49 FOR SHIPMENT OF THE EFFECTS. WITH BILLS FOR
EMBALMING \$450.00), FOR FUNERAL SERVICES (\$381.41) AND AIR TRANS-
PORTATION OF REMAINS AND TWO SUITCASES (\$825.69), REFUND TO SCHUPACK
SURVIVERS FROM ORIGINAL TRUST FUND DEPOSIT OF \$1800, SHOULD BE
\$142.90. AS SOON AS TRANSPORTATION BILL IS RECEIVED BY EMBASSY,
FINAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT WILL BE ISSUED.
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